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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief of Operations, DD/P

SUBJECT : ZIPPER Evasion and Escape Program - Request for Extension

REFERENCES : . A. Memorandum from Chief, EE to COP,  
dated 20 December 1954.  
B. Memorandum from Chief, EE to COP,  
dated 2 February 1955  
C. EE Division Dispatch to the German Mission - EGQW-22188

1. Authority is requested for continuation of ZIPPER developmental E&E activity for the first three months of FY 1956. COP authorized \$17,000.00 for the second half of FY 1955. The same rate of expenditure would be continued in FY 1956, requiring \$8,500.00 for the period 1 July-1 October 1955. This amount would be chargeable to the over-all ZIPPER budget. For reasons explained below, the detailed operational plan established as a pre-condition for continuation of the program into FY 1956 has not yet been submitted for DD/P approval. It is requested that this requirement be temporarily waived and that authority be granted for continuation of the ZIPPER E&E program to 1 October 1955. It is expected that the operational plan will have been submitted and approved by that date, at which time the program will be established on a more permanent basis. ✓

2. In approving FY 1955 developmental activity, COP also approved the principle of continuation of the ZIPPER E&E program into FY 1956. This approval was subject to the condition that satisfactory progress would be achieved during FY 1955, and was subject to further conditions set forth in paragraph 2 of Reference C. One condition was that ZIPPER's FY 1956 E&E activities would be based on a detailed operations plan to be developed and approved at CIA headquarters. While the other conditions have been met, submission of the operational plan has been delayed.

3. The concept of E&E and the nature of E&E requirements have been undergoing considerable change in recent months, thereby delaying the development of the operational plan for ZIPPER E&E. The plan is now ready for submission to the Field for suggestions and comment. In view of this unavoidable delay, it will not be possible for the Field to submit by 1 July its comments which are needed before final action on the operational plan can be initiated by us.

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4. It is recommended that continued developmental activity be approved and that the authorizing cable (attached) be released.

Chief, <sup>F</sup>Eastern European Division <sup>7</sup>

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